



## Senate

General Assembly

January Session, 2003

**File No. 280**

Senate Bill No. 362

*Senate, April 10, 2003*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUPERIOR COURT FILES AND DOCKET INFORMATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes or any rule of court, the names of the  
3 parties and the docket number in any civil or criminal matter in the  
4 Superior Court shall not be kept confidential.

5 (b) This section applies to any civil or criminal matter pending on or  
6 filed after the effective date of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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**JUD** Joint Favorable

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill prohibits the Judicial Department from keeping confidential the names of the parties and the docket number in any civil or criminal matter pending on or filed after October 1, 2003. There is no related fiscal impact.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

SB 362

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUPERIOR COURT FILES AND DOCKET INFORMATION*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes the names of parties and case docket numbers disclosable to the public. It applies to any civil or criminal matter pending on or filed after October 1, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 39      Nay 1